

Sue For \$150,000 Result Of Wreck In Martin County

V. J. Ferris and Wife File
Suits Against Whitaker
And Roberson

Two of the largest damage suits growing out of a motor vehicle accident in this county, were filed in the Federal Court, Eastern District of North Carolina, Washington Division, a few days ago by V. J. Ferris and wife, Ellen M. Ferris, against Murph Whitaker and T. L. Roberson. The suits, asking \$150,000.00, were filed by Attorneys E. S. Peel and Robt. H. Cowen.

The plaintiffs are residents of New York City and the defendants are residents of this county.

Asking for \$100,000, Ferris alleges that on March 27, 1951, he was driving his 1948 Oldsmobile in a southerly direction on U. S. Highway 17 between Williamston and Washington, that as he approached Corey's Cross Roads, about eight miles from Williamston, Whitaker, driver of a large truck and agent for Roberson, started turning to the right as if to make a right turn, and that he (the plaintiff) pulled to the left to run around the truck to continue on his way. The plaintiff Ferris also alleged the driver of the truck, without giving any warning, turned to his left and into the path of the plaintiff's car, that in an effort to avoid a collision, plaintiff swerved his car to the left and ran off the hard surface, that the bumpers of the vehicles hooked, causing the plaintiff to lose control of his car and crash into the side of a store.

In his complaint, Ferris lists the following injuries he received in the accident:

- Compound comminuted fracture of left patella with separation of about three-quarters of an inch, multiple abrasions above and below the front of left knee;
- Compound comminuted fracture of right patella with the fragments quite shattered;
- Compound comminuted fracture of right femoral shaft lower third with posterior displacement of the distal fragment extending into the right knee joint;
- A three-inch laceration of right buttock;
- A two-and-one-half-inch laceration of back of left hand;
- A four-inch laceration of scalp under forehead;
- Contusion right elbow, tenderness over lateral epicondyle and cerebral concussion.

The plaintiff says he continues in a hospital for treatment.

In her \$50,000 suit, Mrs. Ferris lists the following injuries as having been received in the accident:

- Fractures of right malleolus, contusion of right shoulder, an
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Four Marriage Licenses Issued

Following a month's little activity, the Martin County marriage license bureau this week reported an increase in business. Four licenses were issued in as many days recently, as follows:

- George D. Reason, Jr., RFD 2 Williamston, and Mary Alice Hopkins of Oak City.
- William L. Cowan of Wilson and Janie Ball of Williamston.
- Rugh Miller, Martin and Celja Myra Gardner, both of Jamesville.
- Daniel M. Bowen of Williamston and Violet Elizabeth Rogers of Jamesville.

HEAT RECORD

After a two-day let-up, the heat was turned on again yesterday and by mid-afternoon the mercury had pushed its way above the 100 mark.

Quite a few workers were forced to withdraw from their tasks and activities were limited to a minimum.

Aggravated by high humidity, the condition was about the worse the weather man has dealt out this summer. No great relief is in sight just now, except what comes with scattered showers.

Few Positions To Be Filled In County School Faculties

Just about all the faculty positions in the Martin County school system have been filled for the coming term, according to a preliminary report coming from the office of the county superintendent yesterday.

All positions have been filled in the schools at Robersonville, Everetts, Farm Life, Bear Grass and Hassell. There are openings to be filled in the history and science departments and the seventh grade here, and one each in Hamilton and Oak City and two in Jamesville. Applicants for several of the positions have advised the school authorities they would accept but their contracts

had not reached the superintendent's office yesterday. Applications for the other positions are pending, but no contracts had been closed late Wednesday.

According to law no resignations need be accepted during the thirty days before the opening of the school term, and the faculties are expected to shape up in their entirety in a matter of days now.

There have been quite a few changes in the faculty personnel since last term, it was learned. It is likely that a complete list of the faculties will be available a week or more before the schools open the new term on Wednesday, September 5.

MARKETING CARDS

Tobacco marketing cards for Martin County farmers will be placed in the mails next Tuesday, the local office of the Production and Marketing Administration announced today.

Approximately 1,675 cards have been prepared and slightly more than 150 have already been handed to farmers. It was explained that a few farmers wanted to sell on the Georgia and Border markets. The rush to the southern markets has subsided in the face of disappointing prices and the harvest rush here at home.

Raise Little For Victims Of Flood

The special fund appeal now being made by the Red Cross in behalf of midwestern flood victims still is far short of its national minimum goal of \$5,000,000, W. H. Carstarphen, chairman of the Martin County Red Cross Chapter, reported today. He urged better support of the appeal in this chapter, and pictured flood victims' needs.

Total funds raised nationally, Mr. Carstarphen said, so far total \$989,636, according to reports received today from the organization's national headquarters. Contributions to the local chapter amount to only \$30.00.

"The floods have gone, but they have left in their wake widespread devastation that has cost thousands of families their homes and means of livelihood," the chairman emphasized. "These people have had a stunning blow, and they must have help before they can begin to help themselves. For individual family rehabilitation, the main source of help is the Red Cross. Our workers will be in the flood areas for months yet, providing the long-term aid which many families must have. The total cost to the Red Cross for this job is expected to run well over the \$5,000,000 set as the minimum goal in the present fund appeal."

"Need, not loss, is the keynote of Red Cross rehabilitation jobs," Chairman Carstarphen said. "But," he added, "the needs of an individual family in this great disaster are often great. These needs must be met all the way from the replacing of a kit of tools to the complete rebuilding and refurbishing of a home. In any event, assistance will be given only to those families who have registered with Red Cross and, upon investigation, have been found to have insufficient resources to return to normal living unaided."

Reported AWOL From The Armed Services

Elijah Williams, 19-year-old colored boy, was taken into custody and detained in the county jail here this week for allegedly being absent without leave from the armed forces.

Farm Life Ruritan Will Meet Next Tuesday Night

A meeting of the Farm Life Ruritan Club will be held next Tuesday night, August 14th. This particular meeting was scheduled to be held on the 21st but owing to the holding of a revival meeting at Maple Grove Christian Church the date was changed.

Handle Eighteen Cases In County Court On Monday

Fines Amount To \$450 and
Road Sentences Meted
Out To Several

Judge R. T. Johnson and Solicitor Clarence Griffin handled eighteen cases in the Martin County Recorder's Court last Monday in a session lasting until about 12:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

Fines were imposed in the sum of \$450 and several defendants drew road sentences.

Proceedings: Pleading guilty of drunken driving, J. Franklin Roberson was fined \$100, plus costs and lost his license to operate a motor vehicle for twelve months.

Willie Lee Timmons, of New Bern, was taxed with the court costs for speeding.

Charged with an assault, Melvin A. Glisson was adjudged guilty of being drunk and disorderly, and judgment was suspended upon the payment of the court costs. In a second case in which he was charged with violating the liquor laws, Glisson was found not guilty.

Pleading not guilty of an assault, Eddie Wilson was found guilty and was fined \$50 and taxed with the costs.

Charged with non-support, Garland Lawrence Taylor pleaded guilty and drew six months on the roads. The road term was suspended upon the payment of the court costs and \$35 a month for the support of his wife and child.

Elbert Willis Midyette, charged with drunken driving, called for a jury trial, and bond was required in the sum of \$150. The case was set for trial in superior court next month.

Theodore Watson, charged with operating a motor vehicle without a driver's license and with improper lights, was fined \$35, plus costs.

Pleading guilty of violating the liquor laws, Cleveland Godard was fined \$100 and taxed with the cost. He is to violate no liquor law within the next two years.

Charged with aiding and abetting a liquor law violation, Robert Stated pleaded guilty and was fined \$25, plus costs.

Raleigh O. Bryant was fined \$15, plus costs, for careless driving. He pleaded guilty.

Pleading guilty of failing to report a motor vehicle accident, J. L. Daniel was taxed with the court costs.

The case in which George Bond was charged with assaulting a female, was not proseed.

E Haywood Swain pleaded guilty of drunken driving and was sentenced to the roads for six months. He is to be hospitalized in a sanatorium.

Pleading guilty of drunken driving, L. Stewart Bullock was fined.

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Virginia Reports Segregation Issue

Richmond, Aug. 8—The State was officially in the fight today to prevent whites and Negroes from attending the same schools in Virginia.

Attorney General J. Lindsay Almond, Jr., asked a Federal District Court to permit the State to intervene in a suit instituted by more than 100 Negro parents of Prince Edward County.

The parents said their constitutional rights are being violated because their children are required to attend segregated schools. They asked the court to throw out the State's age-old segregation laws.

In his petition for intervention—a move in support of the Prince Edward School Board which is fighting the suit—Almond said Virginia's segregation laws are not violating the Federal Constitution.

He also denied that segregation of pupils constituted discrimination.

Almond declared that school facilities in Prince Edward are being equalized as rapidly as possible. During the spring, more than 450 students at the Moton Negro High School in Prince George went on strike for two weeks in protest against purported inadequate facilities.

Matilda Roberson Died Early Today At Griffins Home

Funeral Services To Be
Held In Piney Grove
Church Friday at 4

Miss Callie Matilda Roberson died at her home in Griffins Township at 3:30 o'clock this morning. She had been in declining health for some time, but was getting around in her room. Be-until just a day or two ago. She retired Wednesday night about her usual hour and she was heard getting around in her room. Before members of the family could reach her she fell to the floor fatally stricken, the victim of a heart attack. She died a few minutes later.

The daughter of Harmon Roberson and the late Henrietta Hardison Roberson, she was born in Griffins Township 51 years ago on October 16, 1899. She lived there all her life, never marrying and caring for her father who had been in declining health for a number of years. She was devoted to her family and was a thoughtful neighbor.

Surviving besides her father are two sisters, Mrs. Leonard Coltrain of Griffins Township, Miss Fannie Roberson of the home; and a brother, George Roberson of Washington.

Funeral services will be conducted in the Piney Grove Baptist Church Friday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock by the pastor, the Rev. W. B. Harrington, assisted by Elder P. E. Gettings. Interment will be in the Tice Community Cemetery in Griffins Township.

President Plans Army Base Tour

Washington, Aug. 8—Representative Bonner (Democrat, North Carolina, said President Truman may make a personal inspection of armed services bases.

Recently Bonner's House Expedient Subcommittee issued a report expressing amazement at United States military buying at the rate of \$1,000,000,000 per week.

Bonner said the President Tuesday expressed great interest in the report and in the possibility of making a special field trip himself as President Roosevelt did in 1940.

Bonner said the President told him he is anxious to see conservation and economy practiced just as much as any Congressman and hopes to arrange a field trip reasonably soon to see what is going on first hand.

He said the President reminded him of his own directive calling for efficiency and economy and the fact that he has issued orders along the lines of the Bonner committee recommendations.

These call for using existing facilities wherever possible instead of spending money for new facilities.

The House Armed Services Committee recently refused to approve an Air Force expansion for a \$33,000,000 expansion of the Raleigh-Durham, N. C., Municipal Airport and sent Representative Kilday (Democrat, Texas) and a special subcommittee to Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina to see if bases used in World War II, could be used instead.

THE RECORD SPEAKS...

Despite all the warnings and horrors accompanying them and pleas by the dying, accidents continue to pile up on the streets and highways in this county. Eight more accidents were reported last week.

The following tabulations offer a comparison of the accident trend: first, by corresponding weeks in this year and last and for each year to the present time.

31st Week	Accidents Inj'd	Killed	Dam'ge
1950	8	6	\$ 1,425
1951	3	1	0 500

Comparisons To Date

1950	144	69	5 \$33,445
1951	83	40	0 19,275

New Manager Named For VEP Office Here

A. L. Jameson To
Succeed Woolford
In Local District

Present Manager Is Being
Transferred To Rich-
mond On August 16

A. LeRoy Jameson, Virginia man, is succeeding Sam P. Woolford as manager of the Virginia Electric and Power Company's Albemarle District with headquarters in Williamston, it was announced yesterday by Ray H. Goodmon, company vice president who maintains offices here.

Mr. Woolford is being transferred to the company's home offices in Richmond, and Mr. Jameson comes here from Portsmouth where he has managed the company's local operations for five years.

A native of Virginia, Mr. Jameson has been in the electric utility business most of his life and managed local offices in Farmville, Warrenton and Arlington, Virginia, before going to Portsmouth. The change is a promotion from a local managership to district managership.

During a brief visit here with Mrs. Jameson and son, Roy, Mr. Jameson made many friends last Tuesday. He is to report for active duty here on Thursday, August 16. He will move his family here just as soon as housing can be made available.

Mr. Woolford is to report to the Richmond office the same day, but his new assignment there was not announced. Returning to the local office after World War II, Mr. Woolford was made manager of the company's Albemarle District in April, 1947, succeeding Mr. Goodmon who was elected a vice president of the company at that time. Mr. and Mrs. Woolford and daughters during their residence here have made many friends who regret to see them leave. However, a welcome awaits Mr. Jameson, a rising official in the VEP system, and his family.

Mr. Woolford has not completed plans for moving his family to Richmond, but he will do so as soon as possible.

Mr. Jameson and son are Methodists while Mrs. Jameson is a

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Band Concert Here Starts at 8:00 P. M.

Plans were completed this morning for the annual summer concert of the Green Wave Band of Williamston High school to be presented in the front of the new high school building at 8:00 o'clock this evening.

Presenting a program of popular music, pop tunes, marches and an overture, the band will use some of the numbers it plans to play on the forthcoming tobacco motorcade. For a score or more of the young musicians it will be their first public appearance as band members in concert.

Poles have been erected for the lights which are to illumine the school lawn and efforts were being made to arrange a stand for the band today. A practice session was held last evening to get the youngsters accustomed to the way their music will sound out of doors where the notes are off and gone instead of bouncing back as they do in a room.

In the event rain should interfere with the outdoor concert, the band will move to the stage of the old high school auditorium and go ahead with the concert, Prof. Jack Butler, the director, said yesterday.

Files Suit For Divorce In The Superior Court

Gladys Weaver this week filed papers for an absolute divorce from R. H. Weaver. In the complaint, the plaintiff says they were married in 1931 and were separated in January, 1948. The case is tentatively set for trial in the superior court next month.

MOTORCADE

Next Wednesday, August 15, the Good-Will Tour, sponsored by the Williamston Boosters and consisting of the Williamston High School Band, local merchants and townspeople, will leave Williamston about 8:30 AM and will visit Hamilton, Oak City, Hassell, Gold Point and Everetts in the morning. In the afternoon, the stops made by the Motorcade will include Bear Grass, Jamesville, Darden and possibly others, if time permits.

Time schedules have not yet been worked out, but it is planned that the band will play several numbers at each stop and favors will be passed out to residents of the places visited.

Fifty-one Martin County citizens were drawn by the board of commissioners in their regular meeting Monday to serve as jurors at the regular two-week term of superior court opening September 17. Only one woman is included in the list.

Judge Henry Stevens of Warsaw is scheduled to preside over the term which will hear criminal and civil cases. It is Judge Stevens' first official visit to this county in about five years.

Names of the jurors: First Week Jamesville Township: James B. Holliday and Marvin Jones. Williams Township: C. L. Daniel, Sr.

Bear Grass Township: Romie Rogerson, Jr., William Vernon Roebuck and J. D. Wynne. Williamston Township: W. M. Baker, Nathaniel Coltrain, J. D. Mason, C. Milton James, Alonzo S. Bland, Archie Coltrain and T. F. Harrison.

Cross Roads Township: B. T. Wynne, Darrell F. Taylor, and Winford Mobley. Robersonville Township: Alex J. Rawls, W. E. Everett, Ernest C. Knox, C. L. Powell and H. G. Norman.

Poplar Point Township: Roger Conner and Luther Edmondson. Hamilton Township: Mrs. C. G. Gurganus, Wiley Goodrich, Joe A. Whitfield and Seth Roberson. Gosse Nest Township: J. F. Crisp, R. N. Crisp and J. A. Rawls.

Nine of those whose names are listed above will be drawn for duty on the grand jury during the next twelve months.

Second Week Jamesville Township: A. W. Ange and Arthur Modlin. Griffins Township: Justus B. Coltrain, D. Andrew Griffin, Geo. E. Peel, Leslie G. Griffin and E. H. Manning, Jr.

Bear Grass Township: J. L. Stalls, Elbert S. Harris and G. Hoyt Coltrain. Williamston Township: Dalmus B. Bazemore, Oswald D. Stalls, H. P. Mobley, Cecil Brown and Irving Margolis.

Robersonville Township: M. E. Roberson, John Daniel Rogerson, Alton Croom and Claud Keel. Poplar Point Township: D. O. Cherry. Hamilton Township: Robert A. Edmondson, Jr., L. B. Fleming, Harry S. Peel, and F. L. Haiship, Jr.

Aulos Crash Near Here Last Monday

No one was hurt, but property damage estimated at about \$200, resulted when two cars crashed on Highway 64 near the Highway Patrol Radio station about 9:00 o'clock last Monday night.

Wiley Brinkley Roberson of Everetts was driving his Ford toward Williamston and slowed down for a car ahead of him to make a turn off the highway. A third car started to pass and to avoid striking the first crashed into the side of Roberson's Ford.

Cpl. R. H. Chadwick and Patrolman E. W. Parker made the investigation.

CONFERENCE

Representing the Martin County Board of Education and as county attorney, Elbert S. Peel will discuss with State officials in Raleigh tomorrow, a petition signed by twenty-one Martin County Negro men and women calling for non-segregation in the county schools.

No comment has come from county officials, but a number of leading Negro citizens, while appreciative of all efforts advanced in behalf of facilities for the education of their children, have declared they are not in sympathy with the petition demand.

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Supervisor Of Negro Schools In The County

Eloise Cooper, college graduate, has been elected supervisor of Negro schools in this county, it was announced this week.

In addition to her experience in the public schools in this State, she taught in Hampton Institute, Virginia, and was supervisor in the Raleigh Negro schools.